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HOPES AND FEARS

WHAT can probably help Mrs Gandhi in retrieving her ground is the lack of performance on the part of the Janata. The economic situation, if not tackled promptly, may deteriorate and result in unrest and worsen living conditions. In comparison, the 'discipline' of the emergency may look better to the vocal middle class.

But by that time, the various enquiry commissions would have given their verdict. It is quite

Mrs. INDIRA GANDHI

probable that they may fix responsibility of many omissions and commissions during the Emergency on Mrs Gandhi. And then perhaps, her complicity would have been established. She would then be so morally damaged that she would not be able to stay in public life. Even if she does not go to jail—the Janata leaders have said that she will be jailed if found guilty—she will be a liability for the Congress.

May be the fear of punishment has convinced her to strengthen herself politically without any further loss of time. It can be difficult for any government to move aginst a strong political leader. After all, the enquiry commissions will only apportion blame, but it is the Government which will have to institute regular cases in law courts aginst the guilty. —*Kuldip Nayar in SUNDAY*

Strong Point

THE strongest point of Mrs Gandhi is that she was the only Congress leader built up over the last eight years. Whatever of the Congress support base is left, it still looks up to her. Harijans particularly, see in her their saviour. Her charisma has not faded in the South ; Kerala may be the only exception. In fact apart from factional compulsions, what brought Deveraj Urs closer to Indira Gandhi is his assessment that in the balance of the former Prime Minister would still be an asset to the Congress in the forthcoming elections. In Andhra Pradesh she is still the "Indira Amma". No wonder, therefore, that Indira Gandhi thinks that if worse comes to worst, she can still appeal to the people over the head of the Congress organisation. This prospect makes anti-Indira Congressmen shudder......

If Mrs Gandhi strongly repels large politicised sections, she all strongly attract some sections of the population. If she is in the field, she will still have a ready-made support base of about 20-25 per cent of the electorate. But this cannot see her through in a democratic process. The question is whether she can turn this minority into majority. To a great extent, it will depend on the performance of the Janata (party) Government. If it continues to make a mess of major political and economic and social issues. Mrs Gandhi's task will be facilitated. There are obvious limits to negativism, on which the anti-Indira front could survive. —*Kewal Varma in SUNDAY*

Tact Or Real ?

EVERY member of the former Jana Sangh willingly signed the pledge (to follow Gandhian ideals and Gandhian methods). We assume that the conversion is genuine, but unless the philosophy and teachings of the RSS are in harmony with the philosophy of the Janata party, how can one be sure that there won't be a relapse? Statements of some former Jana Sangh members are alarming.

Before the formation of the Janata party, the foreign policy of the Jana Sangh was to scrap the Indo-Soviet treaty and improve relations with Soviet Union. The Jana Sangh earlier wanted to manufacture nuclear bombs, now the External Affairs Minister says the manufacture of nuclear weapons is out of question. The policy of the former Jana Sangh member was pro-Isreal, now it is pro-Arab. On Kashmir under Article 370, again, we assume that this reorientation is genuine, but unless the RSS indoctrination conforms to the new line, there will be a temptation to regard this reorientation as tactical.

While I have every sympathy for those who have initiated the process of ideological change, we cannot forget that RSS people are really not ideologically-minded. They are a lightly disciplined organisation and initiative flows from the top downwards.

These are difficulties in the task of integration, but other groups have already started getting integrated. In a large party there are bound to be groupings, but as far as others are concerned their commitment to the Janata party is total. They have nothing to fall back upon. So if they don't work to make the Janata party a success they will be wiped put. —**Madhu Limaye in SUNDAY**

Interplay

DESPITE Morarji's reticence to admit tensions in the party, reality does not disappear with optimism. Soon after Brij Lal Verma was pitchforked into the Union Cabinet as the Industry Minister at the behest of the Jana Sangh leader Nanaji Deshmukh, he hastened to make a statement on the new Industrial Policy without consulting his Cabinet Colleagues.

MORARJI DESAI

It caused so much embarrassment to the week-old Janata Government that on the following day it was officially described as Verma's "personal views" only. Despite this rebuff Verma surreptiously went ahead with plans to radically change the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956. When this somehow leaked to the press, the Prime Minister shifted him to the communications ministry and gave George Fernandes, a follower of Lohia Socialism, charge of the crucial portfolio.

Verma's unceremonious removal from the key ministry has infuriated the erstwhile Jana Sangh members. They have

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THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

I know that many call themselves artists, and are recognized as such, and yet in their works there is absolutely no trace of the soul's upward urge and unrest.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

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BONUS

Compulsory bonus has come back.

The INTUC and the AITUC which clandestinely but wisely supported its withdrawal earlier have been called "guilty". They have also welcomed the new wind fall for the working class.

Now whether a firm makes a profit or suffers a loss, it was to pay a minimum of 8.33 per cent of the wages as bonus. The sick and ailing units may get some concessions

The result is going to be disastrous for the people in villages, unorganised casual labour, unemployed and aged pensioners with dependents. They form the bulk of the population in this country.

About Rs. 300 Crores (according to one calculation) are to be distributed among a few lakhs of workers before the festival season. The inflation it is going to create will prove a nightmare to the rest of the population. This means there will be no festival for them.

Controlling prices of essential commodities will certainly benefit the entire population. No serious action (beyond issuing apeals and threats) has been taken to curb the rising prices.

Workers want bonus to spend—to meet their requirements, not to invest in government bonds (as su gested by the Union Labour Minister) and watch their savings grow.

The bonus amount, which may be available with firms, must normally go to provide additional employment. More jobs mean more purchasing power with the people. With greater consumption, industries will be stabilised and there will be all round growth.

Bonus for a few workers only in the country is as bad as concentration of wealth in a few hands. The government can threaten the rich but it can't raise its little finger against organised labour as the most vociferous among its leaders are in the cabinet.

Morarji Bhai is a much changed man now, they say. The change is seen. But how did the Union Finance Minister succumb to it?

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COCA-COLA

Coca-Cola is going. It has not yet gone!

In a country, where enough drinking water is not available in many villages, why should Coca-Cola be encouraged, is a sane question.

But by the same logic, why waste public funds in search of a substitute?

There are many Swadeshi companies in the country, like the Kali, Vincents and Spencers in the South, satisfactorily quenching the thirst of the rich and the poor. They are capable of filling with their own resources the vacuum likely to be left by Coca-Cola

Mr. Fernandes will be wiser in diverting the funds available with him for finding a substitute for Coca-Cola to the more useful projects of providing drinking water in drought areas.

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DE-NATIONALISE

Nationalise and be damned for ever—seems to be the fate of the poor people of this country.

A nationalisation scheme must arm at achieving the maximum good to the people at minimum cost.

Nationalisation of buses has produced just opposite results. People—especially the poor and the middle class—pay more and suffer the maximum inconvenience, while travelling by a government bus. And where the nationalised transport enjoys a monopoly, the position is unbearable.

Since the lifting of the emergency, two serious strikes have taken place at the PTC at Madras and PRC at Madurai besides minor clashes with students in other transport corporation areas. The reasons are flimsy and any private operator would have managed the situation better.

Mr. M. G. Ramachandran, Tamil Nadu Chief minister, explaining his government's industrial policy in the Assembly, has referred to the ideological question of nationalisation verses private enterprise. He has said that the government "would not be hamstring by ideology in its approach to industrial development but be guided solely by the objective of achieving the maximum public good."

If the Chief Minister is sincere in making this claim he must unhesitatingly de-nationalise bus transport. The travelling public will be grateful to him and he will rank with the British Prime Minister who never hesitated to de-nationalise an industry when he found its working not satisfactory. M. G. R. and his party have the support of the people in this task.

PRC is reported to have made a huge profit. This must have gone to introduce better vehicles, to provide more jobs, to reduce fares and to eliminate over-crowding. Sharing it with workers when millions of educated and technically qualified people are unemployed and millions of people in villages are starving for want of employment, will just mean yielding to the threats of organised labour.

It is common knowledge that the transport corporations, in which tonnes of money have been sunk, have not yet come up to the service offered by the T. V. S. or even smaller companies. Even now, some of the survivors of the nationalisation assault, provide better travel at cheaper rates.

Various traffic laws can be definitely better enforced if the public sector transport units, with IAS men as chiefs are wound up and the routes allotted to different private sector undertakings which have won the appreciation of the public.

FREAK!

"Janata is a freak and freaks seldom survive for long," remarked a coffee house wag the other day.

When his friends asked him to explain his sudden out burst, he calmly replied: 'Isn't Janata a product of nasbandhi (sterilisation)? Something unheard of? Tell me how can it survive for long?"

—"India Today"

Migraine Is Psychological

PSYCHIATRIC treatment holds forth the sole prospect of a cure for migraine, according to Professor U.H. Peters of a neuro-psychiatric clinic at Mainz University Hospital, Federal Republic of Germany. Nine times out of ten migraine is a psychosomatic complaint, the professor claims.

The assumption that migraine is due to an organic, possibly genetical, defect certainly fails to shed light on why and when attacks occur and why, for that matter, migraine fails to effect anatomical changes. Viewed as a conventional ailment, migraine is a mystery disease with neither symptoms nor cure.

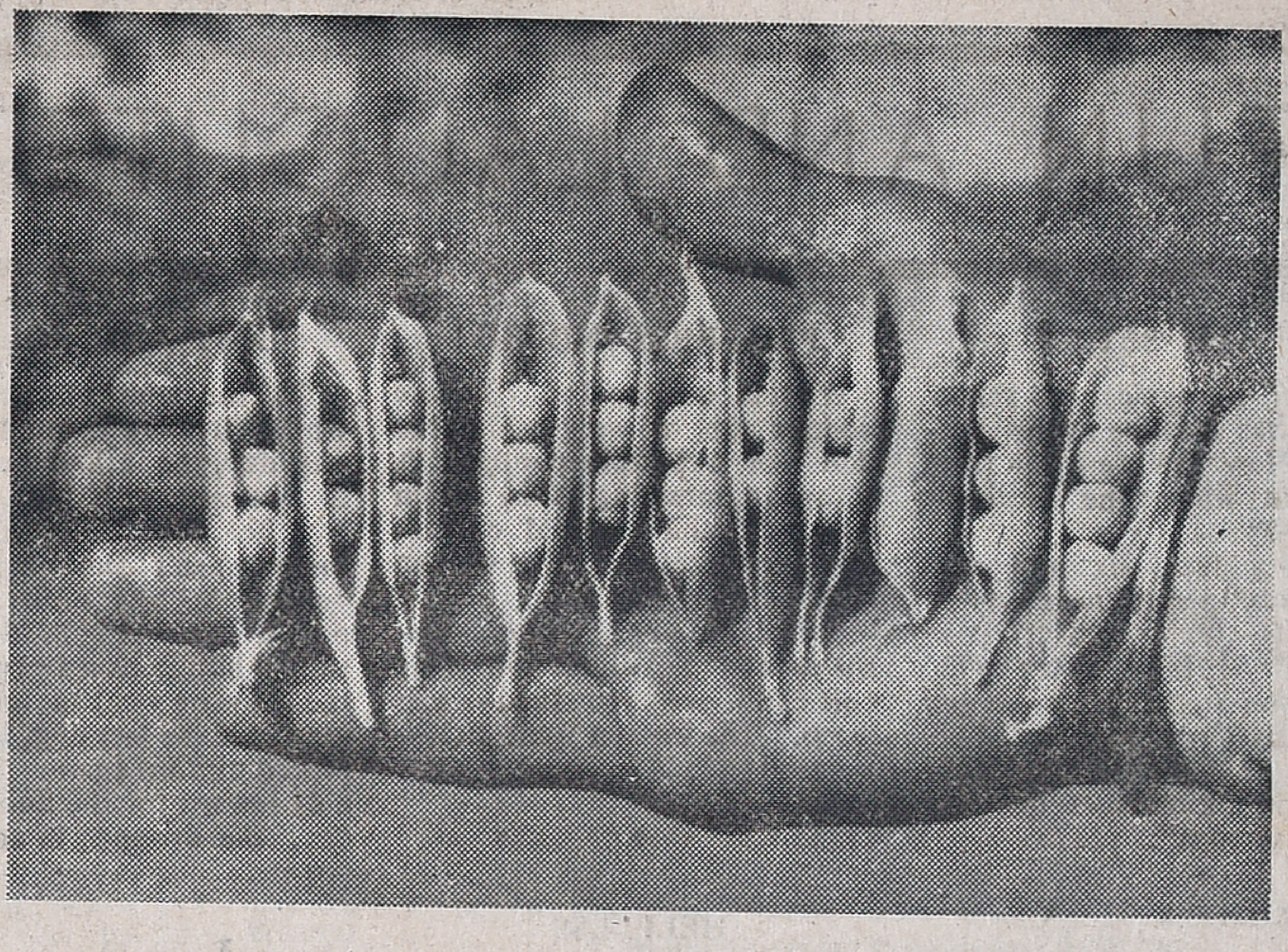
In conjuction with an inter-disciplinary research group Professor Peters has treated a large number of migraine sufferers who have undergone acupuncture, conventional surgery and virtually anything the medical profession ventured to suggest in order to rid themselves of their crippling headaches.

At the 'headache clinic' they were interviewed by psychiatrists who concluded that chronic migraine sufferers seemed all to lead normal lives, to have no particular problems and to be fairly happy with their work. Professor Peters and his associates gradually came to the conclusion that a pattern was emerging.

The typical victim of chronic migranine, it seems, is the successful bussinessman (or woman), the type who never shirks a challenge because efforts are almost invariably crowned with sucess. This is the type that is distraught during periods of enforced inactivity, such as the weekend, and suffers bouts of depression and migraine as a result.

The deep-seated anxiety that lies behind this phenomenon calls for individual and group therapy and relaxation. The course of treatment developed at Mainz is lengthy but has so far proved the only successful cure for migraine of this kind.

The emphasis is now shifting on to rural development. And the economy of rural India largely depends on Agriculture. For better agricultural yield one of the important imputs is good quality healthy seeds. National Seeds Corporation set up in 1963 is the pioneering organisation in the production and distribution of top quality seeds at fair prices to the farmers through out the Country.



A few specimens of high quality seeds produced and marketed by NSC.

NSC Plays Vital Role In Production And Supply of

TOP QUALITY SEEDS TO FARMERS

by Shri N. S. MANI
Managing Director
National Seeds Corporation Ltd.

AS the principal agency responsible for production, stocking and distribution of foundation and certified high-quality seeds of varieties of crops in the country, the National Seeds Corporotion has come a long way towards laying the basis for a sound seeds industry in India. The advantages of this specialised seed production and distribution are increasingly reaching the small farmers in the far-flung interiors of our vast country.

Established in 1963 as a Government of India Undertaking, It started production and distribution of seeds three years later.

NSC has poineered the seed industry. Best expertise is available with the Corporation in the following fields: Foundation seed production; certified seed production; processing; quality control; marketing; training and project formulation and project management.

For foundation seed production, NSC has largely been utilising its own farms or the farms of the agricultural universities, State Farms Corporation of India and under exceptional situations, private holdings.

CERTIFIED SEED PRODUCTION

To ensure that adequate quantities of certified seeds for raising the commercial crops are available to the farmers at reasonable rates at the time and place where they are needed, NSC has been actively involved in certified seed production of about 210 varieties of 70 crops.

NSC has 36 seed processing plants of its own and actively assisted in the establishment of about 100 plants of others at various places in the country for processing of seeds.

NSC set up its seed testing laboratory in 1968 independently with the indigenous know-how and equipment. Annually, the laboratory analyses between 12,000 to 20,000 samples of a wide range of crop-varieties from various seed production zones in the country.

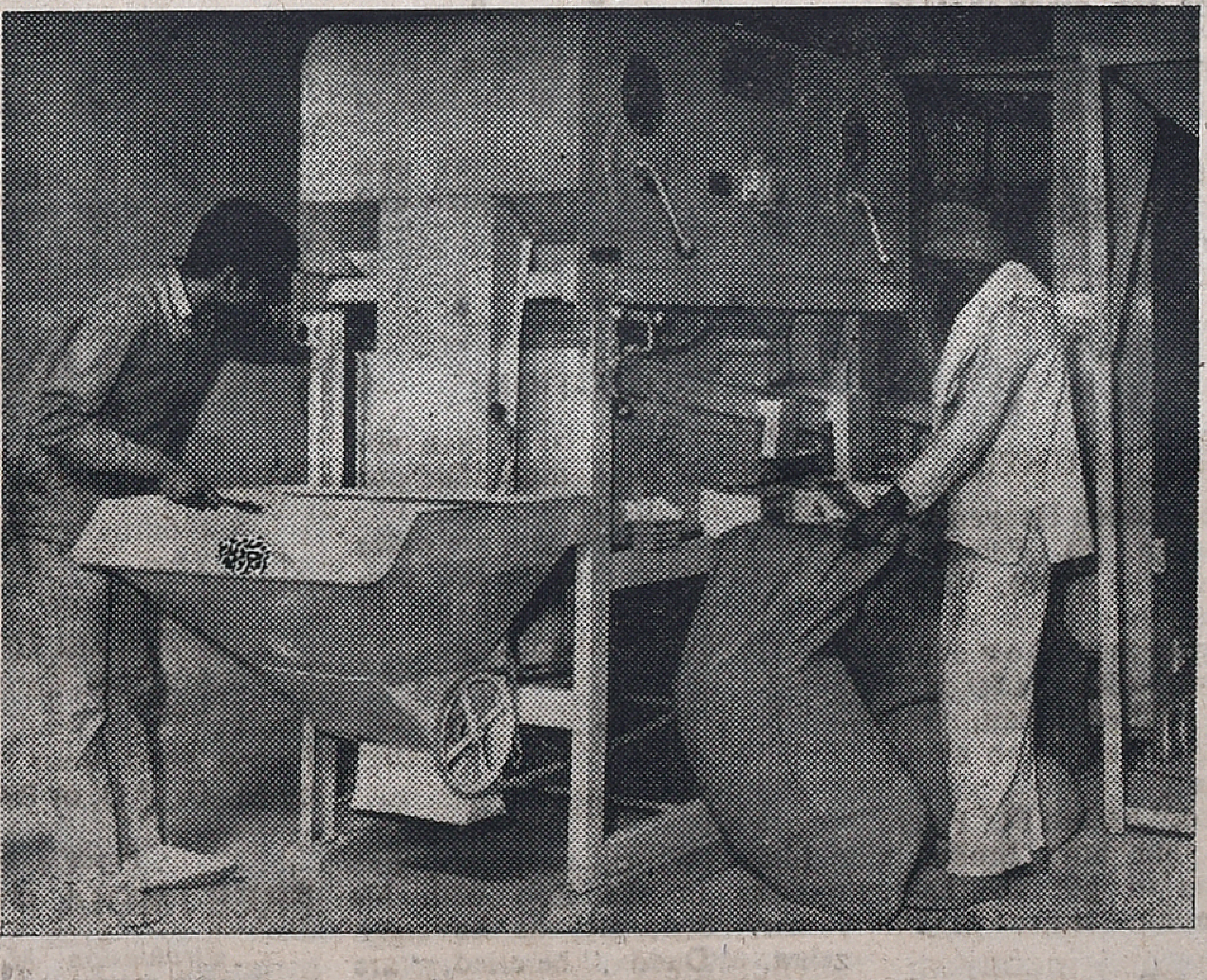
This laboratory is one of the three in the country to have the privilege of holding membership in the International Seed Testing Association. The techniques followed in the laboratory conform to international standards

TRAINING COURSES

Recognising the importance of seed's health in productivity, NSC has recently set up a seed health testing laboratory and has begun to analyse seed sample for freedom from diseases.

Based on market studies and experience, NSC has now developed a wide net-work of about 3500 sale points throughout the country.

NSC began imparting training in short courses in seed programme since 1965. NSC has so far organised 31 Seed Improvement Training Courses and 8 Vegetable Seed Improvement Training Courses in which nearly 1110 individuals from NSC, departments of agriculture, private sector and foreign institutions have received training. The courses are usually of 35-40 working days duration and



Analysing and separating good quality seeds in a plant of the NSC.

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FUN AND LAUGHTER

ALL SET!

One of the typical law school lawyers was snarling at the witness: "How far were you from the scene when the accident occurred?"

"Twenty feet, six and one-half inches," the witness answered primly.

The lawyer, taken aback by the answer, inquired, "How can you say exactly?"

"Well, I figured some damn fool would ask me that question so I measured it".

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ODD!

The bus conductor stopped before a passenger who was sitting with his arms extended in front of him.

"Your fare, please?" he asked.

"You'll find three ha'-pence in my right-hand pocket," said the man.

The conductor stared at him suspiciously. "Anything the matter with your arms?" he asked.

"Oh, no," came the reply. "The width between my hands is the size of a pane of glass I'm going to buy!"

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WELL SERVED!

In his eighteenth year Oscar Wilde was present at a fashionable ball. Seeing his hostess unattended, he begged her to waltz with him.

"Really, sir," she said. "Do you expect me to dance with a child?"

"I beg your pardon, madam; had I known of your condition, I should certainly not have asked you".

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HIS WORRY

Wife: "Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?"

Husband: "No, but I have often wondered what he would do if he had mine."

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TIPPED OFF

Customer: "I see tips are forbidden here."

Waitress: "Lor' bless you sir, so were apples in the Garden of Eden."

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NO NEED?

"Did you visit the art galleries when you were in Paris?"

"We didn't need to; Our daughter paints!"

PROGRESS INDEED!

Women on the Indo-Bumese frontier use to walk behind the men like well-trained dogs. A European, returning to the region recently found the old custom had been scrapped. The women were walking in front.

Progress, he thought delightedly. Then he discovered there were still wartime land-mines about. The women went first—in case!

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HELPLESS

Mrs. Smith exclaimed one day, "How helpless you men are! What would you do if there were no women to sew on your buttons for you?"

Mr. Smith regarded her mildly and answered, "Has it occurred to you, my dear, that if there were no women, we men would need no buttons?"

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DICTION

"Me slept with daddy last night," said the small child to the kindergarten lady who believed in correct diction, even by the very young. With emphasis, the teacher said, "I slept with daddy last night." "Well then," said the child, "you must have come in after I went to sleep."

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EASY MONEY!

An American had an invitation to a private shoot. Addressing the old gamekeeper, he said: "I'm one of the crack shots in the States. Tomorrow you will be loading for me, and for every bird I miss I'll give you a shilling."

The following evening the gamekeeper met a friend and told him the story.

"If I'd had another blank cartridge," he said. "I'd have made just a pound."

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DEVIL'S TRIUMPH

The fence between Heaven and Hell was broken. St. Peter called down to the Devil, "Hey, Satan, since you have all the engineers down there, how about getting them to fix this fence?"

"Sorry," replied Satan, "my men are all too busy to go about fixing fences".

"Is that so," barked St. Peter. "Some of your boys broke it down trying to get up here. You'll either have it fixed or I'll sue you!"

"Oh, yeah," countered the Devil, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"

LOST AND FOUND!

On the spur of the moment, while strolling through the park one day, he asked her to go to to matinee with him. But she had her dog, Fido, along and there wasn't time to take him home. So she took Fido to a police station nearby, and turned him in as a stray. After the show he went to the station, described the lost dog, Fido, and picked him up again. He posted a £1 reward for the finder. Next day, she dropped in and collected it.

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PRECAUTION

A six-year-old girl went into a bank and asked to see the president. A courteous clerk showed her into his private office. She explained that her girl's club was raising money for a new club house, and would he please contribute?

The banker laid a dollar bill and a dime on the desk and said, "Take your choice, Miss".

She picked up the dime and said, "My mother always taught me to take the smallest piece." Picking up the dollar bill also, she added, "But, so I won't lose this dime, I'll take this piece of paper to wrap it up in".

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WHICH HALF!

Policeman: "Why didn't you give this lady driver her half of the road?"

Motorist: "I was going to as soon as I found out which half she wanted".

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GEAR

Judge: "Young lady, what gear were you in at the time of the auto accident?

Girl: "Oh, I had on my new straw hat, my tan sandals and my organdy dress".

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PROTECTION

"Dad, why is a man not allowed to have more than one wife?"

"My son when you are older you will realize that the law protects those who are incapable of protecting themselves".

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POSER

Little Willie, aged six, was walking in the Zoo with his father. Suddenly, he noticed a zebra. "Daddy," he cried, "are zebras yellow animals with black stripes or black animals with yellow stripes?"

IDENTIFIED

"You're a cheat!" the first lawyer accused his opponent.

"You're a liar!" the other retorted.

Judge: "Now that these attorneys have identified each other, we shall proceed with the case".

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THAT IS IT

She: "How about giving me a diamond bracelet?"

He: "My dear, extenuating circumstances perforce me to preclude you from such a bauble of extravagance."

She: "I don't get it."

He: "That's what I just said!"

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INDIFFERENCE!

Teacher: "If Betty has three rabbits and Ruth has four rabbits what's the difference?"

Johnny: "That's what I say—who cares, except rabbits?"

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DEFINITION

An old boatman was asked "If a man fell off this pier would he be drowned?"

"No," he said, "it's not falling into the water that drowns a man; its staying there."

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RIDDLES!

Before leaving his College, the old professor of mathematics gave a few instructions to his secretary. "I shall be back at about seven; if I happen to come back before my return, please ask me to wait until I come back."

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WIRY TALK!

Ed: Pretty barbed wire dress you have on.

Co-ed: What do you mean, barbed wire?

Ed: Oh, it protects the property, but does not obstruct the view.

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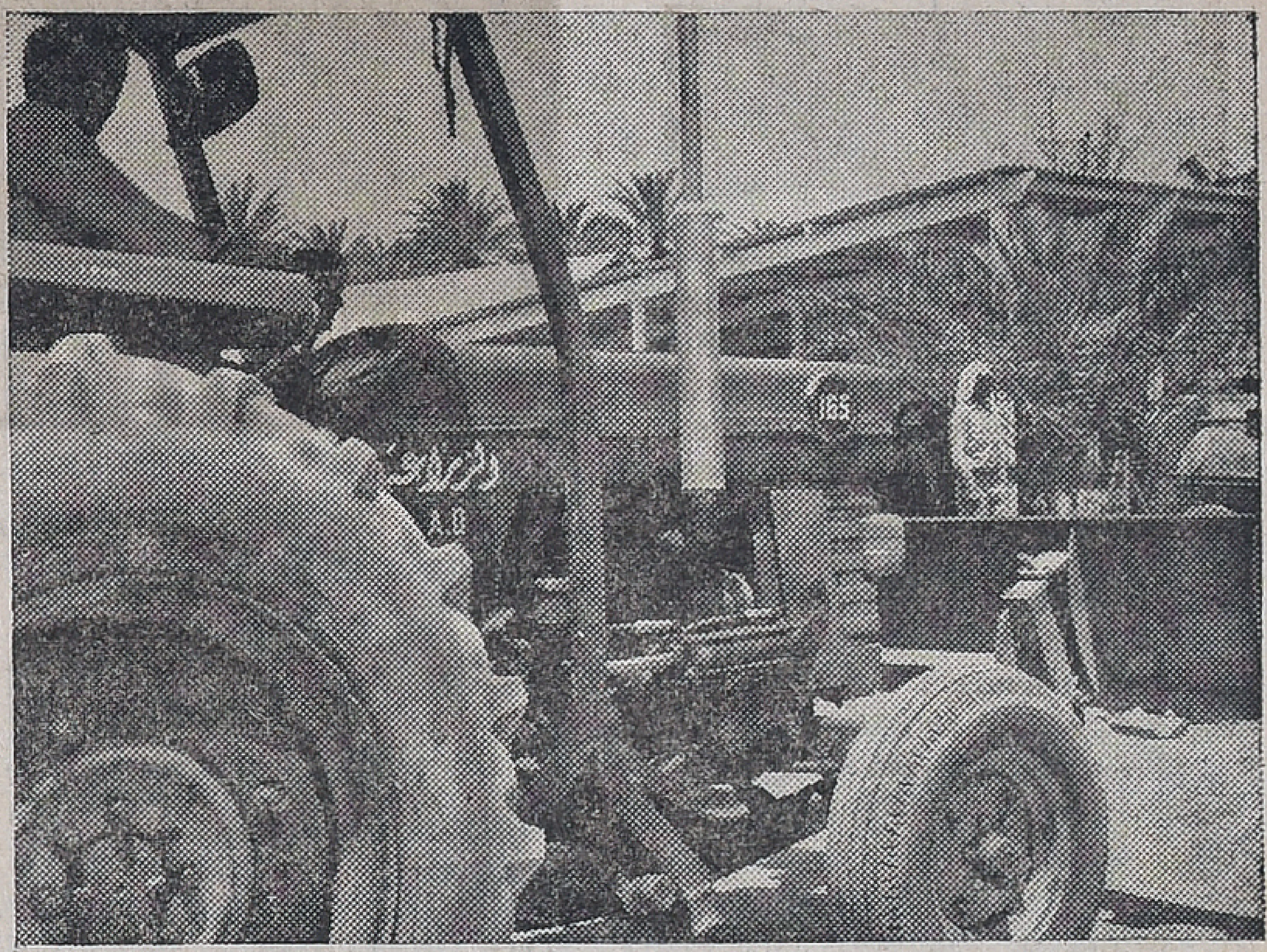
Strange, Isn't It?



Mechanisation of Agriculture is fast gaining ground even in gulf countries. Tractors are used on a large scale in Baharein on land reclaimed from sea.

Genius Pays

"I did no more than any other genius would have done", said formar U. S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, referring to his tenure at a lunch given in his honour by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Lunch with Kissinger, says "*Newsweek*", can be a berrel of laughs. This time, it adds, it also cost a barrel of money: Kissinger was paid $5,000 fos addressing the Chamber.

Paying Pills

As if there weren't enough gangs of thieves, robbers and plain crooks to cope with in Rome, its police recently discovered another kind of gang—of doctors. Fourteen of them had got together and ultimately robbed the Enpas sick fund, one of the biggest in Rome, of almost 5,000 million lire. No, they didn't crack any safes. They simply made out prescriptions for very expensive medicines and passed them on to "their" druggists. And the latter regularly billed the fund for the medicines allegedly provided, and divided the money with the doctors. To increase their "incomes", the crooked doctors began to extort money from pharmaceutical firms for making out prescriptions for their expensive preparations.

Proxy Serves Jail Term

A Well-known Tehrani industrialist who was once sentenced to imprisonment has been prosecuted again for sending someone else to serve his jail term.

The industrialist, Ebrahim Hossein Javaheri, following a car accident, was sentenced to four months in jail and fined 10,000 rials some time ago.

Javaheri arranged with a prison guard to have the substitute, Akbar Siavoshi, serve the jail term.

Officials noticed the change and reported it to the court after Siavoshi had stayed in prison for four months and had been released.

Prosecutor Kazem Beyhaghi, on orders from the Tehran Public Prosecutor, issued instructions for the arrest of the three conspirators after thorough investigations.

Police officials have arrested the well-known industrialist and are looking for the other two men involved.

Helpful

A Frankfort on the Main judge sentenced one K. riding systematically on a suburban train without a ticket to three months in prison. K. tried to defend himself by saying he was unemployed, received no dole and travelled to the city in search of work. The judge recommended him to go on foot or buy a bicycle.

Telepathy

The *London Daily Mirror* recently printed a picture of Nessie on its front page. To believe the paper, the photograph of the monster was taken by a man who had hidden on the shore of Loch Ness and waited patiently for it to appear. Asked how he had got Nessie to come out, the photographer said he did it with the help of telepathy.

Asking Too Much

According to the West German newspaper *Die Welt*, a youth hostel in Harz has had the following notice put up: "Americans are kindly asked to come in before 2 a.m., the Germans not to get up before 6 a.m., the Italians not to sing after 10 p.m., and the Swedes not to bring girls with them."

Defamation

When asked by a police officer to remove an obstruction from the road way, Gunda Herbst, who runs a truit and vegetable stall in the outdoor market in Nuremberg, addressed him as "Du" instead of "Sie". The sergeant promptly laid a complaint against her, alleging "defamation of an official." The court fined Frau Herbst 2,000 marks.

Safer Place?

The roof of the famous Breara Art Gallery in Milan, which has some unique paintings and frescoes by Raphael, Titian and Veronese, leaks when it rains and so the government appropriated 200 million lire to repair the building. At the last moment, however, the money was turned over for the maintenance of the city's San Vittore prison. This being the case, some art lovers say, why not send the old masters to jail? The roof there does not leak and there is less chance of their being stolen—since the end of World War II some 45,000 works of art have been stolen from Italian museums.

Chattering Dentures

Rome composer Giorgio Pizzini's symphony "Cold" recently had its premiere. It is to be performed only in unheated halls Among the instruments there will be ten dentures to imitate chattering teeth.

Theory And Practice

William Wilson, a former airline worker, read criminology at Toronto University and decided to apply theory in practice. Among other things, he used dud cheques to get money and airline tickets. He was charged on tweleve counts, including defrauding hotels and airline offices of $3,000. The information he gained reading criminology did not help him in court.

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Top Quality Seeds...

briefly deal with plant breeding, variety evolution, recent trends and developments in variety improvement and in detail on seed production, processing, certification, marketing, seed law enforcement and storage.

NATIONAL SEEDS PROGRAMME

NSC was largely instrumental in formulating the Rs. 50 crorer National Seeds Programme recently launched in India with the World Bank assistance.

The advantages of specialisation in hybrid seed production are being increasingly shared by the small farmers in the interior of the country. It is always the anxiety of the NSC to make available high quality seed of the latest and the best varieties to farmers.

It may be interesting to mention here that the popularity of the hybrid seeds is not only increasing in the country but are also finding favour with countries abroad. The NSC, therefore, is exploring the possibilities of finding suitable markets for high quality seeds of hybrid crops in other countries.

DISTRIBUTION NET-WORK

The National Seeds Corporation is expanding its marketing net-work especially for the benefit of the small farmers living in far-flung areas by setting up bulk and transit storage points at different convenient locations, setting up seed selling points and appointing dealers so that the farmers may not have to travel long distance to get a small quantity of fresh seeds of improved varieties and hybrids.

The NSC is likely to take up quality seed production of difficult crops like pulses, oilseeds and cotton also in the near future and high quality seeds of these crops would also be made available through the selling points.

VEGETABLE SEEDS

The National Seeds Corporation is organising a comprehensive programme of seed multiplication of selected varieties of vegetables commonly used at home and abroad. In this direction, the NSC has already received support and appreciation from the international organisations and agencies in building up seed production efforts by NSC to meet demands for high quality vegetable seeds in the country and also to meet the demands of well-known seed merchants abroad.

The advantages in taping the international market in vegetable seeds are numerous. There is big scope for exchanging valuable technical know-how on quality vegetable seed production. Secondly India can create a dent in the international market for vegetable seeds and earn valuable foreign exchange. Thirdly, since production of high quality vegetables and flower seeds are highly labour intensive propositions, large scale employment can be provided for farm labour.

For The Week 28th August To 3rd September 1977

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadra-pada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadra-pada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THERE is some improvement in family environment. Family happiness will increase. But heavy expenses and new worries on professional matters are seen. Renew your contacts with your old business associates. Correspondence will be favourable. Health requires special care. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Partnership matters require attention. Avoid impulsive actions while deciding major issues. Favourable days : 1st & 2nd

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

THE week starts well. Professional prospects will improve from the middle of the week. There is scope for financial improvement. Family happiness is assured. Religious performance is indicated in the family. You should try to cultivate new friendships. But your dealings with relatives call for vigilance. Health will be well maintained. Short journeys are indicated. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications. Favourable days : 28th & 29th

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THERE is speculative attractions this week. Professional prospects are better. You should go ahead with your efforts. You will be able to reap the benefits in a month's time. Domestic scene is cloudy. Avoid friction with superiors. Matters relating to children require attention. Your mind will go toward fresh comforts and luxury. Prestige and reputation will improve. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. Favourable days : 30th & 31st

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THE first part of the week stimulates enthusiasm and success. Attend to your personal matters. Mental activity is increased. Financial position will improve from the middle of the week. But avoid speculative investments. Also avoid impulsive actions while deciding important matters. Domestic conditions are mixed. You may have to take up additional responsibilities. Also there is need for maintaining cordial relation with superiors. Favourable days : 2nd & 3rd

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SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THERE is some improvement in family environment. Keep an eye on children Financial position will not be up to the expectation. Pressure from creditors and new borrowings are some possibilities. In affairs of heart, there is some sudden change. You should renew your contacts with old business associates. In dealing with partner, patience is required. There is need for maintaining cordial relations with co-workers. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days : 29th & 30th

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

THIS week opens with favourable impact on friendship and social contact. There is some improvement in family environment. Matters relating to children require attention. Midweek is expensive with fresh purchases. Finance is fairly satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments. Health will be well maintained. Disputes and misunderstanding should be avoided... Long distance travel is possible in the near future. Favourable days : 29th & 30th

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

MOST of the week is ordinary though the week end may produce better results. You should devote more attention to professional matters. Avoid friction with your co-workers. But you can expect much encouragement from your superiors. You may have to take up additional resbonsibility in the domestic sphere. There is some difficulty relating to children. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Change of place is indicated for some. Favourable days : 28th & 29th

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VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THIS week starts well. Mental activity will increase. Emotions need control. There are no major changes in the office. But you should continue your efforts to get proper recognition and reward. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative investments in real estate will yield good results. Partnership matters require attention. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days : 30th & 31st

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

THE first part of the week is better than the second half. You should try to complete important work during the first part of the week. You should avoid taking up new responsibilities in the second half of the week. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid legal complications. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourable. Financial position will improve. But avoid additional commitments and expansion programme for some more time. Favourable days : 2nd & 3rd

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

THERE is scope for financial improvement. You will be able to increase your income by diversifying your activities. Domestic scene is bright. You will get much needed encouragement and support from your elders in the family. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. In affairs of heart, there is some sudden change. You can expect some benefits from opposite sex. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days : 28th & 29th

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KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

MOST of the week is favourable. But you must be prepared for financial problems. You can expect the position to improve from the middle of the week. Professional prospects are bright. Change of place is indicated for some. You may also think of shifting your residence in the near future. You should wait for some more time, if you are thinking of investing in real estate. Health requires attention. Favourable days : 29th & 30th

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MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THIS week opens with favourable trend in the office. You can expect recognition and encouragement from your superiors. You will be offered a more interesting position in the near future. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Partnership matters require attention. You can expect cooperation of your family members in solving some of the long pending problems. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days : 31st & 1st

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Hopes And Fears

unleashed a whisper campaign against the Prime Minister accusing him of bad faith, conveniently forgetting that they had by-passed him completely in the selection of Chief Ministers after

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the recent Assembly poll. With the tacit approval of Charan Singh, former Jana Sangh and BLD men of proven loyalty were installed as Chief Minister, while the Chief Ministerships of Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Haryana went to the formally dissolved BLD, those of Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan were bagged by Jana Sangh. Karpoori Thakur, a close associate of Raj Narain, now Charan Singh's confidant, was made the chief minister of Bihar while Kedar Nath Sahni, a former Jana Sangh leader, was made the Chief Executive Councillor of Delhi.

That the Jana Sangh-BLD conspiratorial alliance is not imaginary is obvious from the unseemly scenes withnessed at the time of the formation of

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these ministries and from the public statements made by veteran leaders like Chandra Bhan Gupta, treasurer of the Janata party. He openly canvassed for Ram Dhan, a man of exceptional integrity and political commitment against the comparatively unknown political entity Ram Naresh Yardar for the chief ministership of Uttar Pradesh. But Gupta's advice was lost on Charan Singh, who was keen to keep the the most populous state of the country under his personal influence. *—Darvasa in INDIA TODAY*

Committed Bureaucracy?

OF late there were faint signs of tendency to move to the other extreme, and exert the party's influence over the day-to-day administration. Two recent cases are likely to create misgivings. One is the letter of the Cabinet Secretary, Mr. N. Mukarji, to the secretaries to the various Ministries and the others a background paper on "democratic decentralisation" prepared for the working committee. The advice of the Cabinet Secretary is perhaps well intentioned and is aimed at driving home the point of change. But when officials are told not to function on the basis of past precedents and not to regard the earlier decisions as sacrosancts will there not be scope for administrative functioning being coloured

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by partisan consideration? Does his advice not seek to revive the concept of a "committed bureaucracy" which when enunciated by the Congress had stirred a big controversy?

Similarly, the paper on the decentralised set up while making several valuable suggestions, says that officials at the district level should be accountable to their immediate political superiors and not to the departmental heads. One of the "excesses" of the Emergency was the use (or misuse) of officials for the personal fads of politicians in power. What will be the check against the recurrence of such a development in case the theory of political control over the day-to-day work officials is accepted? This is an entirely different concept which cannot be transplanted in the present system.

—K.K. Katyal in the HINDU.

Muscovite's Diary

Ivan Ivanov

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

EVER since a Month of Soviet-Indian Friendship devoted to the 30th Anniversary of India's Independence was opened in the Soviet Union, meetings of friendship and rallies, scientific conferences, exhibitions and film screenings have been taking place in Moscow and other parts of the Soviet Union. The Sixth Anniversary of the Soviet-Indian Treaty of of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation has also simultaneously been marked in the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Press, Radio and TV have also been devoting considerable amount of space and time to highlight the salient features of the Soviet-Indian relations, India's achievements in various fields and the Soviet Union's contribution to India's progress etc.

The Indian people can now rightly take pride in their country's successes achieved in the year of independence. Over three decades, India has turned into a power enjoying deserved prestige on the international arena.

Leonid Brezhnev and Alexei Kosygin have sent cordial congratulations to the people of India on this occasion in their telegram to President Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy and the Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

Many articles devoted to the 30th Anniversary of India's Independence were published in the Sovelt press. They have highlighted how overcoming the hard legacy, left by colonial rule, India is following the line of progress, is creating a modern economy, striving to improve living conditions of the people of India. The authors of these articles also include many Soviet Ministers.

In an article on Soviet-Indian cooperation in science and technology, Leonid Yefremov, First Vice-Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers' State Committee for Science and Technology has stated that the constant strengthening of fruitful contacts between the scientists and specialists of the two countries is a logical process. The Soviet scientists, for example, show interest in the experience of their Indian counterparts in the field of biology, chemistry, textile, jute, and food industries and so on. In turn, he says, the Indian specialists are interested to learn from the Soviet experience in power development, metallurgy, the machine tool industry, medicine and public health and the organisation of the scientific and technological information service.

Of great practical significance for the agriculture of India can be joint research aimed at finding out whether it is possible to transfer a part of the flow of northern rivers to the South of the country and developing optimal engineering solutions to this problem, he says.

V.V. Boitsov, Chairman of the State Committee for Standards, USSR Council of Ministers in his article has discussed the Soviet-Indian cooperation in standardisation.

T.B. Guzhenko, Minister of the Merchant Marine, in his article deals with the prospects for Soviet-Indian cooperation in shipping. He says that the cooperation between the Soviet Union and India in shipping has played and continues to play an important role in developing trade and economic ties between them.

Wanted : Backer

The West German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine* recently carried the following advertisement: "Our first league hockey team with good players and a six-digit debt will go bankrupt unless someone agrees to finance us in return for a promise to advertise anything. Our address is..."

Cautious Optimism

London police chiefs are cautiously optimistic: last year the rate of increase of serious crimes had fallen off somewhat as compared with 1975. Their optimism, however, is not shared by the victims of criminals. There were almost half a million serious crimes perpetrated in the British capital in 1976. The number of persons attacked in the open air increased by 50 per cent. Sixty thousand London houses were burgled, and nearly half the burglars were youngsters aged between ten and sixteen. The policemen themselves suffered too—more than three and a half thousand of them were injured.

Sivakumar Season

Many Tamil films released recently—Etharkum Thuninthavan, Kavikkuyil, Thunai Iruppal Meenakshi Sorgam Naragam etc—has Sivakumar doing the main role. His performance has been consistent. He is also acting in a number of films under production. Photo shows him as he appears in Gomathi Sankar Pictures' *Perumnikkurtvaval* produced by K. S. Kuttalingam.

FILM REVIEWS

Itha Ividevare: A Colourful Film

EXCELLENT photography, brilliant directorial touches and fine acting are the assets of Supriya Creations Onam offering to the Malayalam film goers ITHA IVIDEVARE meaning 'just up to that place'.

Young artist Viswanathan (Soman) after travelling in a boat for several days, lands at the place where he was born. There he recollects all the incidents that were responsible for his running away at a tender age from that place. He dicides to take revenge on Pylee (Madhu) who killed his father Vasu (Ummer) and mother Kamalakshi (Kaviyoor Ponnamma). Learning that Pylee has a grown up daughter Ammini (Jayabarathi), he plans to seduce her before killing Pylee. But, as fate would have it, he fails in all his efforts and finally left alone, moving around as he says 'just upto that place'.

This colour film directed by I. V. Sasi has practically all the top stars of the Malayalam film industry today. All the stars have done well. Still the brief appearance of Sarada needs special mention. Even in the short role she has excelled all others.

Photopraphed by K. Ramachandra Babu it is edited by K. Narayanan. Music by G. Deverajan goes well with the theme.

It is a Kerala Film Distributors' release.

Penn Jenmam

IMAGINATIVE direction by A.C. Thirulogachander and fine acting by Prabha and Muthuraman are the highlights of Cine Bharat's PENN JENMAM.

The film depicts with conviction the pleasures and problems of middle class families.

Gowri, daughter of a Harikatha lecturer, is helped by Sankar in getting a job. Later Sankar offers to marry her. When Gowri explains her position—she was the sole bread winner in the family consisting of herself, her mother and two brothers—Sankar assures her that he would not compel her to part with her pay packet for himself and that she could spend the money for her family maintenance. Sankar has two sisters to be married. Only after their getting married problems arise. Difference crops up between Gowri and Sankar and they are separated. How and when they meet again and what happens in between form the rest of the story.

Arurdas has written the dialogues for the story of Achuthavail.

Thengai Srinivasan, Manorama, Y.G. Mahendran, Mythili, Jayamalini Jayaprakash, Pushpa, Master Paplu and Master Murali are in the cast of the film.

Ilayaraja's music fails to click.

On the whole one needs a lot of patience to witness the film till the intervel, for, only after the recess the picture sustains interest.

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